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PETROV INFORMED OF ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS OF TOM, LUKA, KhUAN, ANTON, GARRI, YURIJ, KHUANITA, ANITA, KHOZE, VOLK, KON*, ARTUR, "NON", COURIER "A", G. (1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 193, 194

14th March 1944

[2-part message complete]

[Part I]

To PETROV[i]

[48 groups unrecovered]

[25 groups unrecoverable]

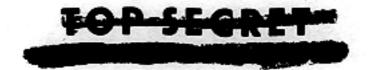
that the person directing the case is TOM[ii] but his representative here [1 group unrecovered] LUKA[iii] [? groups unrecovered] and KhUAM[iv] to inquire of AMTOM[v]. Mutual relations are entirely normal. Neither KhUAN nor GARRI[vi] and the others know TuRLJ[vii].

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3. If a SURGICAL[viii] operation is intended, then the plan

[27 groups unrecoverable]

[SUR]GICAL[ix] operation KhUAN accepted with great relief [C% since] according to his information and [3 groups unrecovered], if the groups did actually exist. The decision to disband the groups was communicated by ANTON, on TOM's personal instructions.

- 5. [2 groups unrecovered] point we sent you telegrams Nos. 89[x] of 21st February, 102[x] of 29th February and 9 January[xi].
- 6. The question of KhUANITA[xii] arose in connection with our intention to establish direct contact with her [2 groups unrecovered] actual situation [C% and telegraph at once] the measures which are being carried out. Her name was mentioned by KhUAN, who also said that she used to work in the field of military propaganda in CUBA

[54 .groups unrecoverable]

- . However, as regards the running of ANITA[xiii], KhUAN is trying to get control of her. He[xiv] is maintaining contact with ANTON. With LUKA we are discussing and planning steps to be taken. None of these people knows LUKA's or ANTON's position, real name or place of residence.
- 8. KhOZE[xv] was

[30 groups unrecoverable]

[SUR]GICAL(ix) getaway, but [9 groups unrecovered] KhUAN

[24 groups unrecovered]

conduct.

9. **VOLK[xv1]** [B% is]

[31 groups unrecoverable]

sanction VOLK was met on one occasion by ANTON who will in future meet him

[16 groups unrecovered]

[46 groups unrecoverable]

CUBA. I presume that KON'[xvii] returned with a sound guarantee of his safety from influential people. He asked VOIK to organise [Raresistance] to the campaign against him

[9 groups unrecoverable]

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[Part II]

In accordance with my proposal

[28 groups unrecovered]

any changes.

[39 groups unrecoverable]

we support the opinion which he has formed that the obtaining of a considerable sum from the HOUSE[DOM][xviii] and our work here are bound up with the completion of the operational task as regards EUROPE. He[xiv] accepted the transfer of LUKA in a good-natured way and without any suspicions.

[49 groups unrecoverable]

by which letters were received from ARTUR[xix] and GARRI and also about surveillance of "NON"[xx] and the courier "A"[xxi] who came to the COUNTRYSIDE[DEREVNYa][xxii] for liaison with GARRI but achieved nothing. There were two occurrences of surveillance of LUKA during meetings with NON in TYRE[TIR][xxiii] [1 group unrecovered] both times LUKA evaded the surveillance. It was also suspected that, on the two occasions when there were meetings with NON for technical liaison [2 groups unrecovered] from the meetings under surveillance "A"

[5 groups unrecoverable]

[5 groups unrecovered]. [3 groups unrecovered] [C% surveillance in the COUNTRY[STRANA][xxiv] [4 groups unrecovered] firm(ly). In the COUNTRY-SIDE [5 groups unrecovered] and GARRI. KhUAN established that he himself was under surveillance in December [5 groups unrecovered]. KhUAN [4 groups unrecovered] of a possible surveillance connected with his past political activity, but the precise causes and sources of the surveillance have not been established [B%]

[12 groups unrecoverable]

in his opinion the surveillance started in connection with GARRI's departure

[106 groups unrecovered]

[38 groups unrecoverable]

[56 groups unrecovered]

In HOSPITAL(xxv) G.(xxvi)

[31 groups unrecovered]

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Footnotes: [i] PETROV:

Probably Lavrentij Pavlovich BERIYa.

[ii] TOM:

General Leonid Aleksandrovich EJTINGON, who arrived in MEXICO in 1940 to supervise the assassination of

TROTEKIJ.

[iii] LUKA:

Pavel KLARIN, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY (November 1943-May 1944).

[iv] KhUAN:

i.e. "JUAN"; probably Juan GAYTAN GODOY, taxi driver.

[v] ANTON:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW-MEXICO

CITY messages between 20th February 1944 and 4th

August 1945.

[vi] GARRI:

i.e. "HARRY"; Jacob EPSTEIN.

[vii] YuRIJ:

Lev TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in

MEXICO CITY.

[viii] SURGICAL:

Presumably relates to the coverword HOSPITAL i.e.

"prison"; possibly describes a type of escape.

[ix] Inserted by translator.

[x] Nos. 89, 102:

Not available.

[xi] Presumably either "No. * of 9th January" or "No. 9 of * January" was intended.

[xii] KhUANITA:

i.e. "JUANITA"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 150 of 10th March 1944 (unpublished)

and MEXICO CITY's No. 229 of 2nd April 1944

(3/NBF/T869).

[xiii] ANITA:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's Nos. 695 of 3rd December 1944 (3/NBF/T956), 238 of 28th April 1946 (3/NEF/1758) and 280 of 27th May

1946 (3/MBP/1711).

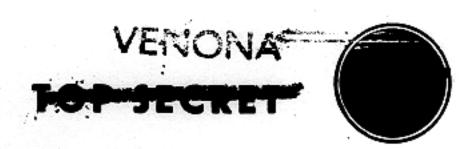
[xiv] Or "she/they".

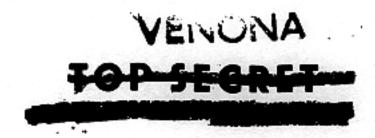
[xv] KhOZE:

i.e. "JOSE"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW-MEXICO CITY messages between 20th February 1944

and 27th May 1946.

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Footnotes

[Cont'd]: [xvi] VOIK:

i.e. "WOLF"; probably Rosendo GOMEZ LORENZO, editor

of the magazine "TIEMPO".

[xvii] KON':

i.e. "CHESS KNIGHT"; possibly José David ALFARO SIQUEIROS: fled to CHILE and CUBA after being

implicated in plots to assassinate TROTSKIJ.

[xviii] The HOUSE:

Probably MGB Headquarters in MOSCOW.

[xix] ARTUR:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in messages between 15th May 1942 and 26th December 1944 on the NEW YORK-MOSCOW link and between 23rd June 1944 and

10th July 1945 on the MONTEVIDEO-MOSCOW link.

[xx] NON:

Presumably identical with "NONA" in MOSCOW-NEW YORK

No. 256 of 21st March 1945 (3/NBF/T1532): Ruth

Beverly WILSON, wife of Jacob EPSTEIN (Footnote [vi]).

[xxi] A:

Letter used as a cover designator or the initial letter

of a covername; unidentified.

[modil] COUNTRYSIDE:

MEXICO.

[xxiii] TYRE:

NEW YORK.

[xxiv] COUNTRY:

U.S.A.

[XXY] HOSPITAL:

Prison.

[xxvi] G.

Possibly the initial letter of "GNOM", i.e. "GNOME", probably the covername of Jaime Ramon MERCADER @ Jacques MORNARD @ Frank JACSON, TROTAKIJ's assassin.

